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SUBJ: US/UK MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

REF: STATE 220011

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL WE CONVEYED TODAY BY LETTER TO REGINALD ANDERSON, ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (SALES), MOD, WITH COPY TO WILBERFORCE, HEAD, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, FCO, THE CONCERNS AND POINTS MADE IN PARA 5. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, MOD OFFICIALS SAID THAT SECRETARY MASON HAD NOT YET REACHED A FINAL VIEW CONCERNING THE IMPLICATIONS OF INFORMING HIS EUROGROUP COLLEAGUES AND THE FRENCH ABOUT US-UK MOU THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AND CONSULTATIONS RATHER THAN BY LETTER. THE BRITISH ARE CLEARLY WORRIED LEST SOME EUROGROUP MEMBER DECLARES THAT IT DOES NOT LIKE OR CAN NOT ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLES EMBRACED IN THE MOU. AS PUT TO EMBOFF, "WHAT THE HELL DO WE DO THEN?" THE BRITISH ARE ALSO UNDECIDED ABOUT THE QUESTION OF TIMING -- IF THEY DO IT TOO SOON IT MAY INVITE "TOO MUCH DISCUSSION"; AND IF THEY DELAY, THEIR CONTINENTAL COLLEAGUES MIGHT TAKE UMBRAGE. OBVIOUSLY, THE MOD IS IN A DILEMMA AND WE GOT CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT A LETTER WILL BE THE CHOSEN WAY. IN ANY EVENT, MOD OFFICIALS MADE CLEAR THEIR AGREEMENT THAT SOMEHOW THE

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EUROGROUP AND FRANCE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE

PROPOSED SIGNING ON 24 SEPTEMBER BY SECRETARIES MASON
AND SCHLESINGER.

2. THE TEXTUAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN PARA 7 ARE
NOTED. MOD INFORMS US THAT THE BRITISH ARE PREPARING THE
FINAL MOU DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE.

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